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As a lover of native plants, I strongly support the designation of the month of April as Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month. I feel it is important for Oregon to take pride in our native flora and the plants that live and thrive in our state. Oregon's native plants define the state and make it the diverse and interesting place that is beloved to those of us that live here, and attractive to visitors from around the world. As a supplier of native plant seeds, my business, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds thrives due to the love and care for native plants. People want to grow native plants because they see their beauty in the wild and they would like them in their own yards, and for the benefit of pollinators and wildlife. Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month is good for native plant conservation; it's good for pollinators; it's good for wildlife, and it's good for business! Take pride in Oregon's flora and support SB 547! In an era where native plants, especially rare and endemic species, are facing more threats and pressures on their populations than ever, it is also more important than ever to highlight native plants and why they are so important for a functioning ecosystem and a functioning society.

Sincerely, Suzie Savoie Applegate Valley